AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): ~~Method~~ A method of supplying a service or an application, comprising ~~the steps~~:

linking a service required by a customer or an application required by the customer ~~is linked~~ to a QoS category selected by the customer; and

supplying the required service or the required application ~~is supplied~~ to the customer with the QoS category selected by the customer.

2. (currently amended): The ~~Method~~ method according to Claim 1, further comprising ~~the steps~~:

receiving a request to supply a service or an application ~~is received~~ from a terminal of the customer~~,~~;

transmitting a request to select one of at least two QoS categories ~~is transmitted~~ to the customer;~~,~~

receiving the selected QoS category ~~is received~~ from the terminal; and

supplying the requested service or the requested application ~~is supplied~~ with the selected QoS category.

3. (currently amended): The ~~Method~~ method according to Claim 1, further comprising ~~the steps~~:

receiving a request to supply a service or an application ~~is received~~ from a terminal of the customer, the request comprises one of at least two QoS categories, pre-selected by the customer~~,~~ ~~;~~ and

supplying the requested service or the requested application ~~is supplied~~ with the selected QoS category.

4. (currently amended): The ~~Method~~ method according to Claim 1, further comprising ~~the steps~~:

receiving a request to supply a service or an application ~~is received~~ from a terminal of the customer~~,~~;

accessing a saved pre-selection of a QoS category by the customer ~~is accessed~~,

linking the service required by the customer or the application required by the customer ~~is~~ ~~linked~~ to the QoS category pre-selected by the customer; and

supplying the required service or the required application ~~is supplied~~ to the customer with the QoS category selected by the customer.

5. (currently amended): The ~~Method~~ method according to Claim 1, further comprising ~~the steps~~:

changing a supplied QoS category ~~can be changed~~ by the customer during the period of supply of a service or an application by transmitting a new QoS category.

6. (original):   Mainframe for supplying services and/or applications for customers whose terminals are connected to the mainframe, said mainframe being capable, on request by a customer for a service or application, of supplying this service or the application with a QoS category corresponding to a QoS category selected by the customer and/or of changing the QoS category in a supplied service or a supplied application on receipt of a request from the customer to change the QoS category.

7. (original):   Mainframe according to Claim 6, said mainframe having access to a memory in which at least one pre-selected QoS category is stored for at least some of the customers and the mainframe is capable, on request by a customer for a service or application, of supplying this service or this application with a QoS category corresponding to the QoS category stored for the customer.

8. (original):   Mainframe according to Claim 6, said mainframe being structured as a resources management unit, a head end or a base station.

9. (currently amended):   A ~~Computer~~ computer program stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising:

a computer program code ~~elements~~ element which ~~enable~~ enables selection by a customer of at least one QoS category for a service or an application when the computer program is run on a computer.

10. (currently amended): ~~Computer~~ The computer program stored on a computer-readable medium according to ~~Claim~~ claim 9, enabling selection of parameters of at least one QoS category.

11. (currently amended): ~~Terminal,~~ A terminal comprising:

a data carrier ~~with~~ comprising a computer program ~~according to Claim 9.,~~ wherein the computer program comprises a computer program code element which enables selection of at least one QoS category when the computer program is run on a computer.

12. (currently amended): The terminal ~~Terminal~~ according to Claim 11, further comprising at least one of a cable modem, a personal computer, a telephone, a television set, a radio station ~~or~~ and a mobile radio unit.

13. (currently amended): A ~~Computer~~ computer program stored on a computer-readable medium, capable of linking a QoS category selected by a customer to a service required by the customer or an application required by the customer.

14. (new): The method according to claim 1, further comprising designating all services and applications a QoS category personally selected by a customer.

15. (new): The method according to claim 1, further comprising changing the QoS category online.

16. (new): The computer program according to claim 1, wherein the computer program code element enables selection of a QoS category for each service or application.